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IN THE SPECIFICATION

1. On page 1, Par. [0001] of the specification as filed (after the heading  
“BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION” but before the sub-heading “Field of the Invention”),  
5 please amend the text as follows:

--[0001] This application is a divisional of U.S. patent application Serial No.  
serial number 09/484,479, filed 1/18/2000, incorporated by reference herein in its  
entirety. This application is also related to co-pending U.S. patent application  
10 Serial Nos. 10/635,835 filed August 5, 2003, entitled “METHOD AND  
APPARATUS FOR BORDER NODE BEHAVIOR ON A FULL-DUPLEX  
BUS”; 10/635,834 filed August 5, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 6,891,848, issued  
15 May 10, 2005, entitled “METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BORDER NODE  
BEHAVIOR ON A FULL-DUPLEX BUS”; 10/635,749 filed August 5, 2003,  
entitled “METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BORDER NODE BEHAVIOR  
ON A FULL-DUPLEX BUS”; 10/635,836 filed August 5, 2003, entitled  
20 “METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BORDER NODE BEHAVIOR ON A  
FULL-DUPLEX BUS”; 10/635,593 filed August 5, 2003, entitled “METHOD  
AND APPARATUS FOR BORDER NODE BEHAVIOR ON A FULL-DUPLEX  
BUS”; and 10/741,782 filed December 19, 2003, entitled “METHOD AND  
APPARATUS FOR BORDER NODE BEHAVIOR ON A FULL-DUPLEX  
BUS”, each of the foregoing also incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--